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Transport Administration Amendment (NSW Motorways) Bill 2024

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Transport Administration Act 1988* (*the Act*) to establish NSW Motorways and provide for its functions, management and status and to make related amendments to the *Roads Act 1993*.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act. **Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Transport Administration Act 1988 No 109

Schedule 1[1] inserts definitions of NSW Motorways, toll operator, toll road and toll service provider.

Schedule 1[10] inserts proposed Part 3E.

Division 1 of the proposed part establishes NSW Motorways as a corporation and a NSW government agency.

Division 2 of the proposed part provides that the principal objective of NSW Motorways is to deliver safe and reliable toll roads and toll road services in an efficient, effective and financially responsible manner. The proposed division also sets out other objectives of NSW Motorways.

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Division 3 of the proposed part sets out the functions of NSW Motorways.

Division 4 of the proposed part provides for the management of NSW Motorways, including the role of the Chief Executive of NSW Motorways, the supply of information to the Minister for Roads (the *Minister*), when NSW Motorways' functions may be delegated and when information may be collected, used and disclosed.

Schedule 1[2]–[6], [9], [11]–[14] and [17]–[24] make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1[7] provides that NSW Motorways—

- (a) is authorised to delegate a function of NSW Motorways to Transport for NSW (*TfNSW*), and
- (b) may accept a delegation of the functions of TfNSW.

Schedule 1[8] provides that NSW Motorways may disclose information held to TfNSW if the disclosure is for the purpose of assisting TfNSW to exercise its functions under the Act or another Act.

Schedule 1[15] provides that a reference in the Act or another instrument to an officer or employee of NSW Motorways must be read as a reference to a person employed in the Transport Service to enable NSW Motorways to exercise its functions.

Schedule 1[16] inserts proposed Part 8, Division 3AD, which establishes the NSW Motorways Fund in the Special Deposits Account. The proposed division also sets out the money that must be paid into and from the NSW Motorways Fund.

Schedule 1[25] inserts a transitional provision consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Roads Act 1993 No 33

Schedule 2[1] substitutes section 7 to provide that NSW Motorways is the roads authority for a toll road vested in it.

Schedule 2[2]–[5] make consequential amendments.

Schedule 2[6] inserts proposed Part 15A. The proposed part provides that the Minister may, by order published in the Gazette, approve a tollway ombudsman scheme to deal with disputes and complaints between toll road customers and toll operators. The proposed part sets out the requirements for the scheme and makes it an offence for a toll operator to fail to comply with a decision of the tollway ombudsman. The maximum penalty is 25 penalty units for an individual and 100 penalty units in another case.

The proposed part also sets out the functions of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for the investigation and reporting of matters relating to toll roads in the State.

Schedule 2[7] provides that a *toll operator* includes NSW Motorways.

Schedule 2[8] inserts a definition of *toll road*.

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This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.

Legislative Council

Clerk of the Parliaments



New South Wales

Transport Administration Amendment (NSW Motorways) Bill 2024

No , 2024

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Transport Administration Act 1988* to establish NSW Motorways and make provision for its functions, management and status; and for related purposes.

The LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Legislative Assembly

The]	Legislature of New South Wales enacts—	1
1	Name of Act	2
	This Act is the Transport Administration Amendment (NSW Motorways) Act 2024.	3
2	Commencement	4
	This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.	5

Scł	nedule 1	Amendment of Transport Administration Act 1988 No 109	1 2				
[1]	Section 3 D	Section 3 Definitions					
	Insert in alphabetical order in section 3(1)—						
		NSW Motorways means NSW Motorways constituted under this Act.	5				
		toll operator has the same meaning as in the Roads Act 1993.	6				
		toll road has the same meaning as in the Roads Act 1993.	7				
		<i>toll service provider</i> means a person that provides accounts, products or related services to enable the payment of tolls for the use of toll roads, tollways, bridges, tunnels or road-ferries by persons who are required to pay the tolls.	8 9 10 11				
[2]	Section 3B	Ministerial responsibility and delegation	12				
	Insert after s	section 3B(1)(f)—	13				
		(f1) NSW Motorways,	14				
[3]	Section 3G	, heading	15				
	Omit the hea	ading. Insert instead—	16				
	3G Direc	tions by TfNSW to certain transport authorities	17				
[4]	Section 3G(1)(f3)						
	Insert after s	section $3G(1)(f2)$ —	19				
		(f3) NSW Motorways,	20				
[5]	Section 3I	Delegation of TfNSW's functions	21				
		 e section 3I(3), definition of <i>authorised person</i>, paragraph (b)— (a3) NSW Motorways or a member of staff of NSW Motorways, or 	22 23				
[6]	Section 3J	Acceptance of delegated functions by TfNSW	24				
	Insert ", NS	W Motorways" after "public transport agency" in section 3J(1).	25				
[7]	Section 3J(6) and (7)	26				
	Insert in app	propriate order in the section—	27				
	(6)	NSW Motorways is authorised to delegate a function of NSW Motorways to TfNSW.	28 29				
	(7)	NSW Motorways may accept a delegation of the functions of TfNSW.	30				
[8]	Section 3K	Disclosure of information by agencies to TfNSW	31				
	Insert before	e section 3K(2)—	32				
	(1B)	NSW Motorways is authorised to disclose information held by it to TfNSW if the disclosure assists TfNSW in the exercise of its functions under this Act or another Act.	33 34 35				
[9]	Section 3K	(2)	36				
		W Motorways" after "agency concerned".	37				

[10]	Part 3E					
	Inser	t after	Part 3	D—	2	
	Par	t 3E	NS	W Motorways	3	
	Divi	sion	1	Constitution of NSW Motorways	4	
	39	Cons	stitutio	on of NSW Motorways	5	
		(1)		e is constituted by this Act a corporation with the corporate name of NSW prways.	6 7	
		(2)	NSW	Motorways is a NSW Government agency.	8	
	Divi	sion	2	Objectives of NSW Motorways	9	
	39A	Obje	ctives	of NSW Motorways	10	
		(1)	roads	principal objective of NSW Motorways is to deliver safe and reliable toll s and toll road services in an efficient, effective and financially onsible way.	11 12 13	
		(2)	The o	other objectives of NSW Motorways are as follows—	14	
			(a)	to be a successful business and, to that end—	15	
				 (i) to operate at least as efficiently as any comparable business, and (ii) to maximise the net worth of the State's investment in NSW 	16 17	
			(b)	Motorways, to exhibit a sense of social responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which it operates,	18 19 20	
			(c)	where its activities affect the environment, to conduct its operations in compliance with the principles of ecologically sustainable development contained in the <i>Protection of the Environment Administration Act</i> 1991, section 6(2),	21 22 23 24	
			(d)	to exhibit a sense of responsibility towards regional development and decentralisation in the way in which it operates.	25 26	
		(3)		other objectives of NSW Motorways are of equal importance, but are not aportant as the principal objective of the corporation.	27 28	
	Divi	sion	3	Functions of NSW Motorways	29	
	39B	NSW	Moto	rways functions	30	
		(1)	NSW	Motorways has the following functions—	31	
			(a)	to operate toll roads in the State and provide toll road services in the State,	32 33	
			(b)	to facilitate the collection of tolls by it and other toll operators,	34	
			(c)	to collect and publish information about toll roads and the provision of toll road services in the State,	35 36	
			(d)	to advocate on behalf of toll road customers,	37	
			(e)	to administer toll relief schemes,	38	
			(f)	to enter into or administer arrangements involving the collection of tolls,	39 40	

		(g)	to charge and recover fees relating to its functions,	1
		(h)	other functions conferred or imposed on it by or under this Act or another Act.	2 3
	(2)	NSW	Motorways also has the following functions—	4
		(a)	to conduct a business or activity, whether or not related to a function under subsection (1), that it considers will further its objectives,	5 6
		(b)	to make and enter into contracts or arrangements with other persons to enable it to carry out its functions,	7 8
		(c)	to appoint agents and act as agents for other persons.	9
	(3)		<i>Roads Act 1993</i> , sections 158(2) and 177 extend to NSW Motorways as if efferences in the sections to TfNSW were references to NSW Motorways.	10 11
	(4)	NSW	Motorways cannot employ any staff.	12
39C	Effec	ct of d	ivision	13
			division does not limit the functions of NSW Motorways apart from this ion, but is subject to the provisions of this Act and other Acts and laws.	14 15
Divi	sion	4	Management of NSW Motorways	16
39D	Chie	f Exec	cutive of NSW Motorways	17
			Transport Secretary may, with the approval of the Minister, appoint a f Executive of NSW Motorways.	18 19
			 Schedule 2 contains ancillary provisions relating to the Chief Executive of NSW rways. 	20 21
39E	Chie	f Exec	cutive to manage NSW Motorways	22
	(1)	Exec	affairs of NSW Motorways must be managed and controlled by the Chief outive of NSW Motorways in accordance with any directions of TfNSW r section 3G.	23 24 25
	(2)		ct, matter or thing done in the name of, or on behalf of, NSW Motorways he Chief Executive is taken to have been done by NSW Motorways.	26 27
39F	NSW	/ Moto	rways to supply information to Minister	28
		NSW	/ Motorways must—	29
		(a)	supply the Minister or a person nominated by the Minister with information relating to its activities that the Minister or person requires, and	30 31 32
		(b)	keep the Minister informed of the general conduct of its activities and of significant developments in its activities.	33 34
39G	Com	mon c	objectives and service delivery priorities	35
	(1)		Motorways must also, in the exercise of its functions, have regard to the mon objectives of public transport agencies set out in section 2B(1).	36 37
	(2)	to the State	Motorways must determine its service delivery priorities having regard e Transport Secretary's expectations for service delivery established by a ement of Expectations issued annually to NSW Motorways by the sport Secretary.	38 39 40 41

39H Corporate plans

- (1) NSW Motorways must, at least 3 months before the beginning of each financial year, prepare and give to TfNSW a draft corporate plan for the financial year.
- (2) NSW Motorways must—
 - (a) consider comments on the draft corporate plan that were made by TfNSW within 2 months after the draft plan was given to TfNSW, and

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- (b) give the completed corporate plan to TfNSW before the beginning of the financial year.
- (3) NSW Motorways must—
 - (a) make the draft plan available for public comment for at least 30 days, and
 - (b) consider the submissions it receives about the draft plan within that period.
- (4) NSW Motorways must make the completed corporate plan available for public inspection.
- (5) However, NSW Motorways is not required to include in any draft or completed plan made available for public comment or inspection information that—
 - (a) is of a commercially sensitive nature, or
 - (b) would otherwise not be required to be disclosed under the *Government* Information (Public Access) Act 2009.
- (6) NSW Motorways must, as far as practicable, exercise its functions in accordance with the relevant corporate plan.
- (7) A corporate plan must specify—
 - (a) the separate activities of NSW Motorways and, in particular, the separate commercial and non-commercial activities, and
 - (b) the objectives of each separate activity for the financial year and for future financial years, and
 - (c) the strategies, policies and budgets for achieving the objectives in relation to each separate activity, and
 - (d) the targets and criteria for assessing NSW Motorways' performance.
- (8) This section is subject to requirements made by or under this Act, including a requirement of a direction by the Minister or TfNSW under this Act.

39I Delegation of functions of NSW Motorways

TfNSW.

- (1) NSW Motorways may delegate to an authorised person any of its functions, other than this power of delegation.
- (2) A delegate may sub-delegate to an authorised person a function delegated by NSW Motorways if the delegate is authorised in writing to do so by NSW Motorways.

(3)	In this section—				
	auth	orised person means—	42		
	(a)	a member of staff of NSW Motorways, or	43		
	(b)	a person of a class prescribed by the regulations or approved by	44		

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	39J	Shar	ing an	nd obtaining information	1
		(1)	perso	Motorways may collect, use and disclose information, including onal information, obtained in the exercise of its functions for the purpose liministering the following—	2 3 4
			(a)	a toll relief scheme,	5
			(b)	another scheme prescribed by the regulations.	6
		(2)	A tol infor	Il entity must give NSW Motorways the information, including personal mation, required by NSW Motorways to enable NSW Motorways to inister the following—	7 8 9
			(a)	a toll relief scheme,	10
			(b)	another scheme prescribed by the regulations.	11
			Maxi	imum penalty—	12
			(a)	for an individual—20 penalty units, or	13
			(b)	otherwise—200 penalty units.	14
		(3)		toll entity must give the information to NSW Motorways within the time ified by NSW Motorways.	15 16
		(4)	In th	is section—	17
				onal information has the same meaning as in the Government mation (Public Access) Act 2009.	18 19
			toll e	entity means the following—	20
			(a)	a toll operator,	21
			(b)	a toll service provider.	22
[11]	Secti	on 55	A Defi	inition of "transport authority"	23
	Insert	after	section (f1)	n 55A,definition of <i>transport authority</i> , paragraph (f)— NSW Motorways,	24 25
[12]	Secti	on 65	Defin	itions	26
				n 65, definition of <i>transport authority</i> , paragraph (f)—	27
	111501	uitei	(f1)	NSW Motorways,	28
[13]	Secti	on 68		ployment in the Transport Service	29
[10]			-	for $68C(1)(d)$ —	
	msen		(c1)	NSW Motorways,	30
			(01)	NSW Motorways,	31
[14]	Secti	on 68	Q Mis	cellaneous provisions relating to the Transport Service	32
		: "NSV 5) and		torways," after "State Transit Authority," wherever occurring in section	33 34
[15]	Secti	on 68	Q(10)((d)	35
	Insert	befor	e secti	ion 68Q(10)(e)—	36
			(d)	NSW Motorways or a public subsidiary corporation of NSW Motorways must be read as a reference to a person employed in the Transport Service to enable NSW Motorways or the public subsidiary corporation to exercise its functions, or	37 38 39 40

[16]		8, Division 3		1
	Insei	t after Divisi	on 3AC—	2
	Divi	ision 3AD	Financial provisions relating to NSW Motorways	
	80FJ	NSW Moto	rways Fund	4
		A fur Acco	nd called the NSW Motorways Fund is established in the Special Deposits punt.	5 6
	80FK	Payments	into NSW Motorways Fund	7
		The	following must be paid into the NSW Motorways Fund—	8
		(a)	all money received by or on account of NSW Motorways,	9
		(b)	all money advanced to NSW Motorways by the Treasurer,	10
		(c)	all money—	11
			(i) appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of TfNSW and allocated to NSW Motorways by TfNSW, or	12 13
			(ii) otherwise appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of NSW Motorways,	14 15
		(d)	the proceeds of the investment of money in the Fund,	16
		(e)	all other money required by or under this Act or another Act to be paid into the Fund.	17 18
	80FL	Payments	from NSW Motorways Fund	19
		The	following must be paid from the NSW Motorways Fund—	20
		(a)	all payments made on account of NSW Motorways or otherwise required to meet expenditure incurred in relation to the functions of NSW Motorways,	21 22 23
		(b)	all other payments required by or under this Act or another Act to be paid from the Fund.	24 25
[17]	Sect	ion 81A Defi	nition	26
	Inser	t after section	n 81A, definition of <i>Authority</i> , paragraph (f)—	27
		(f1)	NSW Motorways,	28
[18]	Part	9, Division 1	IA, heading	29
	Inser	t "and other	bodies" after "rail authorities".	30
[19]	Sect	ion 94 Trans	fers of assets, rights and liabilities	31
			otorways" after "the Transport Secretary" in section 94(6).	32
[20]	Sect	ion 107 Defi	nition of "transport authority"	33
[=•]			n 107(1), definition of <i>transport authority</i> , paragraph (b)—	34
	mser	(c)	NSW Motorways, or	35
1041	Sect		s of Authorities	
[21]				36
	Insei		n 109(2), definition of <i>Authority</i> , paragraph (a1)—	37
		(b)	NSW Motorways,	38

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 Insert "NSW Motorways," after "the State Transit Authority," in section 112(2), definition of <i>member of a transport authority</i>, paragraph (a). [23] Schedule 1 Functions of Transport for NSW Insert ", NSW Motorways" after "RTC" wherever occurring in clause 1(i). [24] Schedule 2 Provisions relating to Chief Executives Insert in appropriate order in clause 1, definition of <i>Chief Executive</i>—	[22]	Section 11	2 Personal liability of certain persons	1
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 [24] Schedule 2 Provisions relating to Chief Executives Insert in appropriate order in clause 1, definition of Chief Executive—	[23]	Schedule '	Functions of Transport for NSW	4
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section 39H, within the period approved by the Transport Secretary for this		NSW	/ Motorways' first corporate plan	14
			section 39H, within the period approved by the Transport Secretary for this	15 16 17

Scł	Schedule 2		Amendment of Roads Act 1993 No 33	1
[1]	Sect	ion 7		2
	Omit th		ction. Insert instead—	3
	7	Road	s authorities	4
		(1)	TfNSW is the roads authority for a freeway.	5
		(2)	NSW Motorways is the roads authority for a toll road vested in NSW Motorways.	6 7
		(3)	The Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 is the roads authority for a Crown road.	8 9
		(4)	The regulations may declare that a specified public authority is the roads authority for a specified public road, or for a public road within a specified area, other than the following—	10 11 12
			(a) a freeway,	13
			(b) a toll road vested in NSW Motorways,	14
			(c) a Crown road.	15
		(5)	The council of a local government area is the roads authority for a public road within the area, other than the following—	16 17
			(a) a freeway,	18
			(b) a toll road vested in NSW Motorways,	19
			(c) a Crown road,	20
			(d) a public road for which another public authority is declared by the regulations to be the roads authority.	21 22
		(6)	A roads authority has the functions conferred on it by or under this Act or another Act or law.	23 24
[2]	Sect	ion 52	Tollways	25
	Inser (b).	t "or N	SW Motorways" after "TfNSW" wherever occurring in section 52(1)(a) and	26 27
[3]	Sect	ion 52	(4)	28
	Inser	t after	section 52(3)—	29
		(4)	To avoid doubt, a road remains a tollway even if it is vested in NSW Motorways.	30 31
[4]	Sect	ion 21	3	32
•••			ction. Insert instead—	33
	213	Tolls	and charges for tollways	34
		(1)	A toll authority may levy and collect tolls and charges for traffic using a tollway vested in the toll authority.	35 36
		(2)	A toll authority may, on the terms it decides—	37
		. /	(a) lease the operation of a tollway vested in the toll authority, or	38
			(b) lease the collection of tolls and charges on a tollway vested in the toll authority.	39 40

		(3)	The amount of the toll or charge must not exceed the amount prescribed by or in accordance with the regulations.	1 2
		(4)	In this section—	3
			toll authority means the following—	4
			(a) TfNSW,	5
			(b) NSW Motorways.	6
[5]	Sect	ion 21	4 Tolls and charges for bridges, tunnels and road-ferries	7
	Inser	t "or N	ISW Motorways" after "TfNSW" wherever occurring in section 214(1) and (2).	8
[6]	Part	15A		9
	Inser	rt after	Part 15—	10
	Pai	t 15/	A Tollway ombudsman and IPART functions relating to toll roads	11 12
	261A	Tollv	way ombudsman scheme	13
		(1)	The Minister may, by order published in the Gazette, approve a tollway ombudsman scheme.	14 15
		(2)	The scheme must provide for the appointment of a tollway ombudsman to deal with the disputes and complaints between toll road customers and toll operators.	16 17 18
		(3)	Before approving a scheme, the Minister must be satisfied the scheme meets the following objectives—	19 20
			(a) that the scheme has satisfactory arrangements in place to deal with the disputes and complaints referred to in subsection (2),	21 22
			(b) that the tollway ombudsman will be able to operate independently of toll operators in exercising functions under the scheme,	23 24
			(c) that the scheme will be accessible to toll road customers,	25
			(d) that the scheme will operate expeditiously and without cost to toll road customers and to other persons prescribed by the regulations,	26 27
			(e) that the scheme will allow toll road customers to choose whether or not the customers wish to be bound by determinations under the scheme,	28 29
			 (f) that the scheme will satisfy best practice benchmarks for schemes of a similar kind, both in terms of its constitution and procedure and in terms of its day-to-day operations, 	30 31 32
			(g) that the scheme will provide for a monetary limit on claims covered by the scheme of an amount or amounts approved by the Minister,	33 34
			(h) that the scheme will maintain the capacity of the tollway ombudsman, where appropriate, to refer disputes or complaints to other forums,	35 36
			 that the scheme will require the tollway ombudsman to inform the Minister of substantial breaches of this Act or another Act or law covered by the scheme, 	37 38 39
			(j) other objectives prescribed by the regulations.	40
		(4)	A scheme may treat a failure to make a decision within a specified period as a decision of a particular kind.	41 42

	(5)	All toll operators in the State are members of the tollway ombudsman and, as members, are bound by the scheme.	1 2
	(6)	A toll operator is bound by a decision of the tollway ombudsman under the scheme and must not fail to comply with the decision.	3 4
		Maximum penalty—	5
		(a) for an individual—25 penalty units, or	6
		(b) otherwise—100 penalty units.	7
	(7)	A toll operator must pay to the Minister a contribution towards the following—	8 9
		(a) the costs of managing and administering the scheme,	10
		(b) the costs of ensuring compliance with the scheme,	11
		(c) other costs relating to the scheme.	12
	(8)	The contribution is the amount prescribed by and payable in accordance with the regulations.	13 14
	(9)	A contribution is recoverable by the Minister as a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction.	15 16
	(10)	The Minister may waive payment, or extend the time for payment, of a contribution or part of a contribution payable under this section.	17 18
	(11)	The tollway ombudsman must, if requested by the Minister, give the Minister a report detailing how the tollway ombudsman scheme is meeting its objectives.	19 20 21
261B	IPAF	T functions	22
	(1)	IPART has the following functions—	23
		 (a) to investigate and report to the Minister on the operation of toll roads in the State, including the following— 	24 25
		(i) the costs of operating toll roads and providing toll services,	26
		(ii) the demand for toll roads in the State,	27
		(iii) the pricing, fees and penalties for toll services, including the levels, structure and impacts of the pricing, fees and penalties on customers,	28 29 30
		(iv) the revenue generated by the provision of toll services,	31
		(v) the impacts of tolls on different communities in the State,	32
		(vi) other matters prescribed by the regulations,	33
		(b) to investigate and report to the Minister on other matters relating to toll roads.	34 35
	(2)	IPART may only exercise its functions under subsection (1) at the request of the Minister with the concurrence of the Minister administering the <i>Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992</i> .	36 37 38
	(3)	Subject to this section, and except to the extent to which the regulations otherwise provide, the provisions of the <i>Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992</i> , Part 3, Divisions 6 and 7 apply to an investigation or report under this section in the same way as the provisions apply to an investigation or report under that Act.	39 40 41 42 43

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